

DID I
REALLY
TIME SLIP
TO THE
MEIJI
ERA?

DOES THIS
MEAN I'M
EXISTING
HERE RIGHT
NOW?

UPON
CLOSER
LOOK...

ANYWAY,
WHO IS
SHE?

LOOKS
EXACTLY
LIKE
MIYUKI-
SAN!

...THIS
GIRL...



YOU'RE
THE LITTLE
BROTHER OF
THE VISITING
STUDENT
FROM
HOKKAIDO.

I
KNOW!



OH...
YEAH...



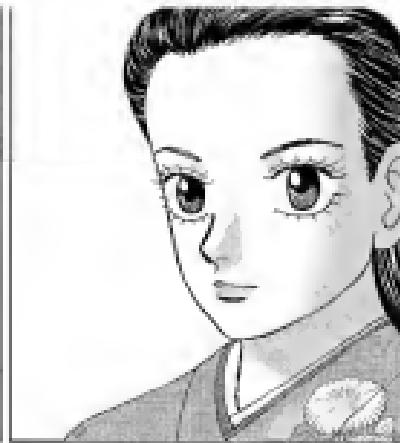
I CAN
TELL.
YOU
LOOK
EXACTLY
LIKE HIM.

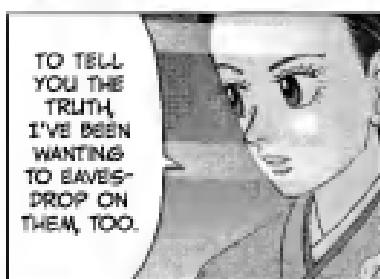


I'LL PLAY
THE LITTLE
BROTHER
PART FOR
NOW.
THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY
OUT.









I'M
THIRTEEN,
TOO.
WE'RE
THE SAME
AGE.

I'M
FUJITA
HISAKO.

I'M
THIRTEEN.

Z.
ZAIKEN
TAKASHI

OKAY.

COME
ON,
LET'S
HAVE A
LOOK.

SHH! BE
QUIET.

YOU'RE
RIGHT, I
CAN SEE
WELL
THROUGH
THIS.



I SEE.



I AM
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
THOUGHT-
FULNESS.



GENIUSES
LIKE YOU
ARE VERY
RARE.



I'M
SHOULDER-
ING THE
ENORMOUS
BURDEN OF
EARNING
FUNDS FOR
MANAGING
THE
SCHOOL.

YES...



IT MEANS
THERE'S NO
PROBLEM.



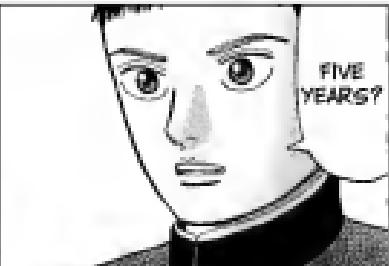
WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN?



IT MEANS
ANOTHER
GENIUS WILL
JOIN THE
CLUB IN
ANOTHER
FIVE YEARS
OR SO.



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
YIELD HUGE
PROFITS
EVERY YEAR
FROM
INVESTING.



FIVE
YEARS?



ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, A MONEY-MAKING GENIUS APPEARS ON THE SCENE. IF THAT STUDENT TAKES CENTER STAGE AND EARN'S A HUGE PROFIT, ALL WILL GO WELL.

IN THE MEANTIME, PROTECT YOUR ASSETS. THAT'LL BE GOOD ENOUGH.

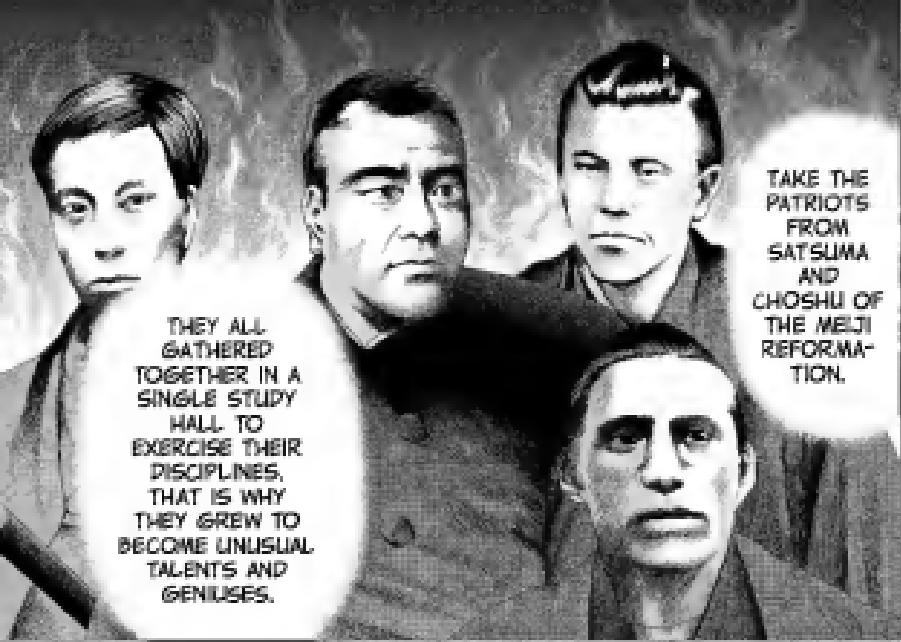
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'LL HAVE A TOTAL OF FIVE* MEMBERS; IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP SMALL.

AND THE INVESTMENT CLUB MUST HAVE A MEMBER FROM EACH GRADE.

* Secondary schools of the time were based on a five-grade system; the current system has seven.



THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT SUPERIOR BUSINESSES SUCCEED WHEN OUTSTANDING MEMBERS GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE CRAMPED QUARTER.





HOW IS
SHE RE-
LATED TO
MIYUKI-
SAN?

WHAT'S
FUTTA
HISAKO-
SAN'S
RELATION TO
KANESHICHI?
DAUGHTER?
GRAND-
DAUGHTER?

I'M
DELIGHTED
I CAN HEAR
KANESHICHI'S
ACTUAL
VOICE.

UH... SHE'S
GETTING
TOO CLOSE
FOR COM-
FORT...



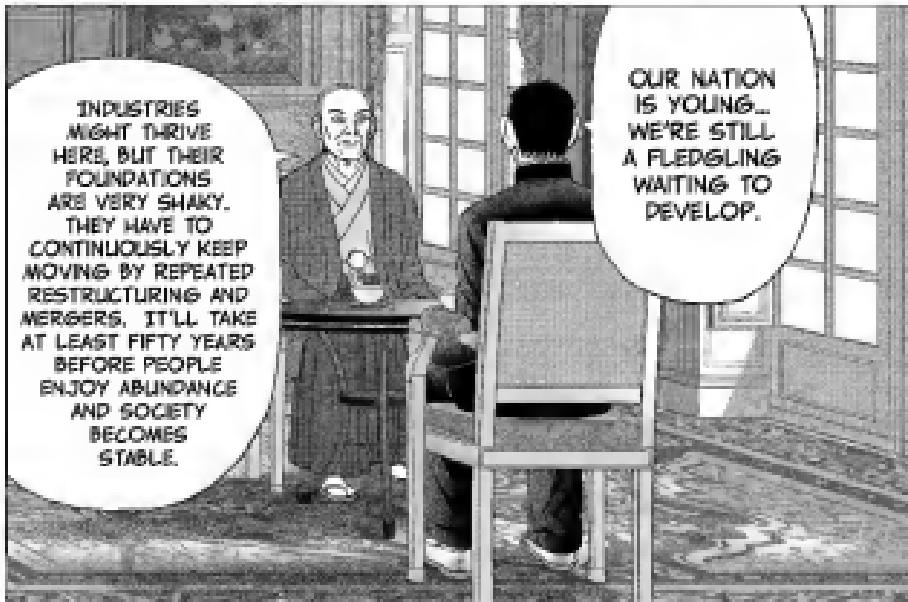
I WANT TO KNOW YOUR BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY, AS ITS FOUNDER.

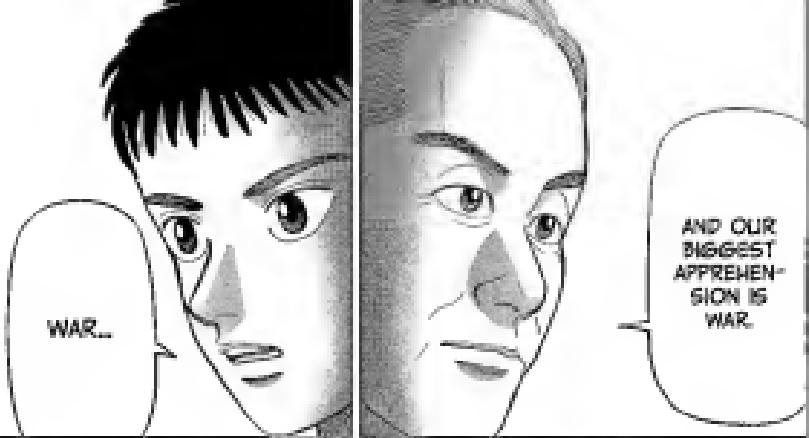
WHY DOES FUJITA MERCANTILE IMMEDIATELY SELL THEIR BUSINESSES AS SOON AS THEY GROW BIGGER IN SCALE?

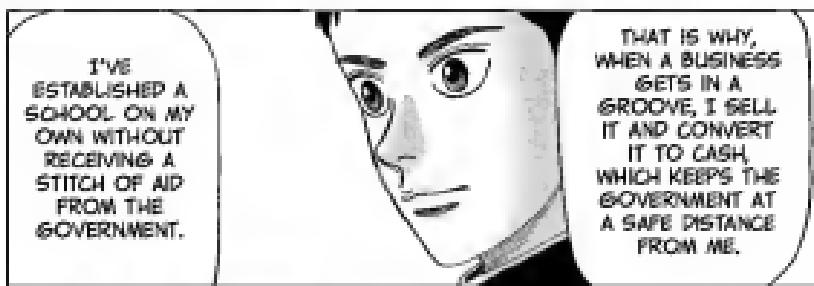


THE REASON IS CLEAR AND SIMPLE.

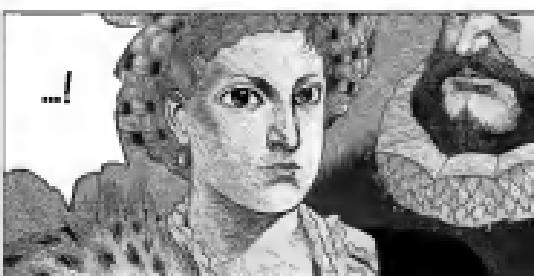










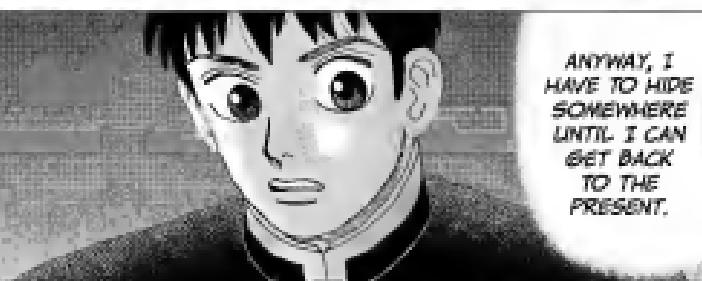




CRAP...
WHAT'S
GOING TO
BECOME
OF ME?



OF
COURSE
I WON'T
BE
GOING
THERE.



ANYWAY, I
HAVE TO HIDE
SOMEWHERE
UNTIL I CAN
GET BACK
TO THE
PRESENT.



WOW... IT'S
RYUGORO
AND KANEISHI!



